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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/780,666	Applicant(s) JORGENSEN, MARTIN BONDO	
	Examiner Chandrika Prasad	Art Unit 2839	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Specification***

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 2-35 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 1: "A female" should be changed to -- The female --.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-11, 15, 16, 25, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grant et al. (4466684).

Grant (Figures 1-5) shows a female connector assembly having a base part with a plurality of conductor channels 14 with a longitudinal axis, a first end and a second end for receiving a plurality of bent resilient conductors 16, each having a first portion 32 and a second portion 54 joined by a bent ( third) portion 38.1, 38.2 which exerts a biasing force to a rod-shaped conductor of a mating male connector. The two portions are perpendicular to each other and the second portion 54 is displaceable in a track

perpendicular to the channels on a surface of the base part. The track has a semi-circular portion and encircles a part of the second portion. The connector has top part fixed (integral) to a base part. The base part has a track (recess) for portion 56 of the conductors 16. The track is limited to limit movement of the second portion.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 12-14, 17-24, 26-31 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grant et al. (4466684).

Grant shows all the features of these claims except a recess in the channels, a flexible sealing membrane, a specific volume (size) of the connector and materials of the resilient conductor and the base part. Official notice is given these features are well known in the art of electrical connectors and widely used. It would have been obvious to provide these features for their intended purposes because these would involve only routine skill in the art.

***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tran (6623290), Crompton, III et al. (5622514), Curie (6443739 and 6651322).

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***Contact Information***

8. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad whose telephone number is (571) 272-2099.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is (703) 872-9306.



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